From: Schriek, Suzanne
Sent: Fri, 28 Jan 2022 02:33:03 +0000
To: Lucas, Russell J
Subject: RE: Truck Convoy

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Thank you very much Russell for writing me back so late. It is indeed a long day for you folks.
And thank you for sharing this update.
Our office reached out to Deputy Chief Steve Bell and A/ Deputy Chief Trish Ferguson and some members of our office are going to be having a meeting with them tomorrow to keep on top of it.
Deputy Crown RED, RED, and I will be available to give legal advice to police over the weekend. And our Bail Court Crown (WASH Court) will assist with that side of things if need be.
As you say, it might not amount to too much hopefully but better to be prepared.
In case you did not already see it, I will also flip you the email Brian sent to Steve Bell earlier today so you have our contact numbers.
Have a good night.
Suzanne

From: Lucas, Russell J <LucasR@ottawapolice.ca>
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2022 9:27 PM
To: Schriek, Suzanne <SchriekS@ottawapolice.ca>
Subject: RE: Truck Convoy
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Good evening Suzanne,
I apologize for such a late response. It has been an overwhelming day (& week) and I am still at the office with my team. Here is what I can tell you.
When you called, there was no anticipation of mass arrests and our primary focus was on public safety, traffic management and some crowd control. From a risk management perspective, it has escalated. As I write this, there is no intelligence indicating that we will be in a mass arrest situation this weekend. Overall, the Convoy organizers have been mostly cooperative with police across the country. The issue we have seen in the recent period is an escalation in social media activity by fringe groups making a large variety of statements, the veracity of which has not been tested.
We are currently planning for the worst and a late call was made to other police services for additional support (not a public knowledge item at this point). We are building contingencies if we encounter that worst case scenario but are treating it similar to previous Presidential visits. Heavy on early intervention with Police Liaison Teams, building relationships and maintaining open communication with the main organizers. We will have a robust police presence with our policing partners which we hope will mitigate much of the risks.
The planning for this has been like trying to nail down water. It has been so fluid that we have modified our plans multiple times a day to meet the changing demands. I wish I could provide better clarity but I don't have it at this time.
Russell

From: Schriek, Suzanne <SchriekS@ottawapolice.ca>
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2022 11:44 AM

To: Lucas, Russell J <LucasR@ottawapolice.ca>
Subject: Truck Convoy

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Hi Russell,

Sorry to interrupt your call with Parliament services. I know you are the Duty Inspector for this weekend involving the truck convoy.

I just wanted to touch base on behalf of Brian Holowka – to see if you at OPS felt that the Ottawa Crown's Office should be providing additional personnel for this weekend, for example for WASH courts.

Sometimes in the past this has happened when mass events are anticipated such as the G20 – but then again that is quite a different scenario.

I've left a message for A/Deputy Chief Trish Ferguson as well.

Please let us know when you get a chance.

Thank you Russell.

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